



Boston City Council
Committee on Public Safety
Stephen J. Murphy, Chair

October 20, 2010

Dear Councillors:

The Boston City Council's Committee on Public Safety to which was referred, on April 28, 2010 – August 4, 2010 – August 25, 2010 – September 15, 2010 and September 29, 2010 [respectively]:

Docket # 0592 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$400,000.00 from the Federal Government under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Assurance Planning for the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.*

Docket # 1076 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$11,651,680.00 from DHS, UASI Grant FY 2009 to address the unique, planning, training, exercise, equipment and operational needs of large urban areas.*

Docket #1078 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,400,000.00 from various Government Agencies, including FEMA, as reimbursement for expenses incurred due to storms & flooding in March & April 2010.*

Docket # 1079 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,378,249.00 from DHS for the purpose of catastrophic planning within the designated region, including the Boston Urban Area, Providence Urban Area, Commonwealth of Mass, State of New Hampshire and Rhode Island.*

Docket # 1081 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Academy to establish in accordance with General Law Ch.44, Sec. 53E1/2 a revolving fund to accept from the fund up to max of \$200,000.00 for purpose of purchasing training equipment, certifying instructors, updating facilities and providing funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted for.*

Docket # 1145 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Department to accept & expend a Port Security Program Grant of \$1,180,257.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for construction of CBRNE Watercraft.*

Docket # 1146 - *Message and order authorizing the Public Health Commission to accept & expend a grant of \$750,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs FY 2009 Discretionary Grant Programs, for the purpose of violence intervention & prevention in the City.*

Docket # 1147 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend \$300,000.00 of the FY 2010 ICAC Program award, from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, to identify child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, provide services and support for them & investigate & prosecute cases against adults who exploit children and youth.*

Docket # 1224 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$ 904,932.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the FY 09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds for supporting crime prevention & law enforcement.*

Docket # 1225 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept & expend a grant of \$307,967.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2010 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program.*

Docket # 1226 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY 2010 (VAWA) STOP grant of \$43,560.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to support the BPD's Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate.*

Docket # 1351 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$749,828.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Second Chance Act Prisoner Re-entry Initiative for the purpose of funding the Boston Re-entry Partnership Initiative.*

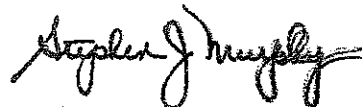
Docket # 1352 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$175,000.00 from the FY 2010 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.*

Docket # 1353 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expand a grant of \$172,574.00 from the FY 2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Formula funded by the National Institute of Justice.*

Docket # 1354 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$80,000.00 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grants Program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs passed through from the Massachusetts State Police.*

Docket # 1355 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$75,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the purpose of supporting law enforcement response to human trafficking.*

having considered the same, I respectfully recommend that these matters ought to pass.



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Recovery Act: Local Energy Assurance Planning (LEAP) Initiative
U.S. Department of Energy
Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0000098

The primary objective of this project will be to develop a comprehensive plan that will outline procedures the City will undertake in the event of an energy supply disruption and to develop a strategy for increasing the energy reliability of critical emergency-related City facilities. The plan development process will follow the steps outlined in the Public Technology Institute's Local Energy Assurance Guidelines document.

The City also intends to use this grant to engage state and regional stakeholders on energy security and resiliency issues. The Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness also serves as the fiduciary and project management office for the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region under the Urban Area Security Initiative and will use funds from this grant to demonstrate energy assurance planning best practices that would be applicable to other local jurisdictions. The City has also had preliminary discussions with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) about coordinating City efforts with their recent \$800,000 DOE energy assurance planning grant.

One objective of this program will be to build relationships amongst the many energy-related stakeholders in the region. As part of the U.S. Department of Energy funded Solar Boston program, the City has already undertaken limited efforts to study energy resilience issues related to emergency preparedness. This process involved convening internal emergency response stakeholders and developing a list of potential uses of solar power in emergency-related infrastructure. The City's emergency response agencies found the opportunity to discuss energy-emergency nexus issues highly productive and it is hoped that, if funded, this grant will provide the City with the opportunity to continue this dialogue and to institutionalize many of the resulting best practices. One of the main objectives of this grant will be to build relationships between City agencies and the diverse external stakeholders that will take part in the plan development process. These relationships will be a critical part of any energy-related emergency response and the City is looking forward to engaging both local utilities and energy consumer groups through this grant.

Part of the goal of the City's planning process is to develop energy assurance workforce skills. The City does not currently have a focused workforce development program for facility workers who have energy assurance responsibilities. This grant will give the City the ability to train and develop personnel in the skills needed to keep critical facilities operating during an energy supply disruption. The workforce training program that will result from this grant will provide employees with the detailed knowledge necessary to maintain and operate the City's energy assurance infrastructure. Many City employees will develop new responsibilities as a result of this program.

Specific tasks will include: Hire an Energy Assurance Plan Coordinator; Convene Energy Assurance Review Committee; Conduct Energy Infrastructure Inventories; Facility and Fuel Supply Analysis; Develop Priority List for Backup Systems; Develop fuel supply action plan; Identify training needs for responsible backup system operators; Test the plan through a Tabletop Exercise.